Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, July 21, 1884.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Aldermen Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Hewitt, Scarrow, Labatt, Becher, and the clerk, Mr Abbott.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by his Worship.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From John Arscott—Asking that his assessment for a dog be struck off. No 1.

From Ella Sharman—For the remission of her brother's income tax. No 1.

From Morris Inwood and others—Petitioning against the construction of a sewer on Maitland street. No 2.

From Robert Clarke—Asking that a child adopted by him be taken back and provided with a home, he being unable to support it. No. 3.

From M. Masuret and J. B. Laing—Protesting against the frame building of James Duffield being allowed to be maintained within the fire limits.

From Mrs. Gregsten—Asking for the use of Victoria Park for holding a band concert and drill exhibition on the evening of August 8th.

From John Tweed—Asking for the use of Queen's Park on the 7th of August for a demonstration of the Canadian Order of Foresters, instead of the 6th, which was previously given. Granted.

From J. Alsten—Petitioning against assessment on a dog. No 1.

From A. Secord and others—Petitioning for the erection of a gas lamp on the north side of St. James street, west of Richmond. No. 3.

From T. Howard—Asking for remission of taxes for 1883. No. 1.

From Parke, Mills & Purdom—Stating that they had been instructed to take legal proceedings against the city for the amount due to the county as the proportion of the accounts of the Clerk of the Peace for part of 1879, 1880 and 1881, amounting to $1,065.76, and asking what the Council intended to do. No. 1.

From the County Clerk—Enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the Bridge Committee of the County Council, that they are prepared to proceed at once with the re-erection of the Oxford street bridge, said bridge to cover ordinary high water, and to be built with stone abutments and piers and iron superstructure. Bridge Committee.

From Carey & Dwyer—Offering $5 for the time bail. No. 2.

From the Carling Brewing Co. and other ratepayers—*re* Oxford street bridge.—Asking that instructions be given to the Joint Bridge Committee to proceed at once with its erection. Bridge Committee.

From N. Jeffrey—For remission of dog-tax. No. 1.

From the authorities of Port Perry—Appealing for assistance for the fire sufferers. No. 1.

From Charles E. Morley and others—Asking for the construction of a sewer. No. 2.

In reference to the communication from Mrs. Gregsten, it was moved by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the prayer of the petition be granted, but the motion was lost on a vote, only the mover and seconder voting yea.

On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Becher, the petition was fyled.

A by-law to amend and consolidate the by-laws relative to the market was referred to No. 3 Committee.

BEATING DOWN THE LICENSE.

Upon motion Mr. Robinson, advance agent of Forepaugh's circus, was heard in reference to the price of their license, claiming that they should only be charged $65.

It was moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald Stringer, that Forepaugh's circus be allowed to exhibit in the city for $75.

In amendment it was moved by Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Labatt, that the matter be referred to the chairman of No. 3 committee with power. This was withdrawn.

In further amendment it was moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to Ald. Hunt and Cowan with power.

This amendment was carried.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:—

(1) That action be deferred in reference to the petition of Mr. Masuret and J. B. Laing, in consequence of Mr. Duffield having received permission from this council to move the frame house complained of.

(2) That the petition of G. Glass be referred to the Engineer.

(3) That no action be taken *re* petition of G. Hiscox.

(4) That H. West be permitted to put into the city hospital and fire hall in trial one of Sleeman's gas governors.

(5) That the petition of J. Hilton and others for a gas lamp on the corner of South and Maitland streets be granted.

(6) Your committee beg to submit the quarterly report from the house surgeon of the city hospital, also the reports of the license inspector and market clerk.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1,

It was moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the clause pass.

In amendment it was moved by Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the clause be struck out and that the building be removed or bricked up forthwith.

The amendment was lost.

In further amendment Ald. Birrell moved that the clause be struck out. Ald. Labatt seconded.

This amendment was carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 passed.

On clause 5,

Ald. Becher moved that the clause pass.

In amendment Ald. Hunt moved that it be referred to No. 1 committee to report funds. Ald. Labatt seconded.

The amendment was carried.

Clause 6 passed and the report as amended was adopted.

NO. TWO COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hewitt, Chairman:—

(1)—Your committee would recommend the discontinuance of the time ball service by the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. after the 31st inst.

(2)—That the tender of Heard & Matheson, for stone flag sidewalk at 39 cents per lineal foot, being the lowest, be accepted, the Euclid stone from the Forest City quarry, Cleveland, Ohio, to be used.

(3)—That the following tenders re sewers being the lowest, be accepted:—Moses Cox, Grey street sewer, $1,322; Simcoe street, $532; King street, $468. Ben Johnston—Talbot street, $240.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed, and the report as a whole was adopted.

Ald. Stringer believed it would be a great improvement if the band stand in the park was raised six or eight feet, and it would not cost much.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman:—

1. Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 3 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Street Lighting—		
Plastow Bros	$ 76 59	
W. Ironside	123 25	
		$ 199 84
Market—		
Plastow Bros	38 77	
John Fox	30 00	
		68 77
Drinking Fountains—		
J. Cousins, jr		12 00
Hospital—		
H. Colerick		37 12
		317 73

NO. 2 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc.—		
Pay sheet, July 11	$665 28	
Paul Phipps	1100 00	
Ferguson Bros	281 49	
		2046 68
City Parks—		
Pay sheet, July 11	21 64	
J. Cousins, jr	10 00	
W. Ironside	12 75	
		44 39
Militia Camp—		
Plastow Bros	94 13	
S. Thornton	28 00	
G. Brown	15 00	
		137 13
Kensington Bridge—		
Thomas Culbert	50 00	
A. Robinson	72 50	
		122 50
City Hall—		
G. N. W. Telegraph Co	12 50	
J. Riddell	4 35	
H. Colerick	130 00	
		146 85
Sewer Repairs—		
M. Cox		149 98
		2647 53

RELIEF ACCOUNTS.

Women's Christian Association		5 00

NO. 1 ACCOUNTS.

FREE PRESS Co	88 17	
P. Murray	16 00	
		104 17
Total		$3074 43

(2.)—That the petition of Mrs. Wesson for the remission of her husband's income tax, amounting to $9, be granted.

(3.)—That the petition of J. McKenzie for extension of time for payment of taxes be granted by extending time to the 8th of August for payment.

(4.)—That the petition of J. W. Cryer be granted by striking of dog-tax charged in error.

(5.)—That the petition of G. Quinton for refund of arrears on taxes be filed.

(6.)—That the sum of $16 be allowed to Daniel McNeil in full of claim for services as caretaker of Queen's Park from the death of Mr. Faunt to the appointment of Joseph Pollard.

(7.)—That the petition of Messrs. Fraser & Fraser to allow the taxes of Mrs O'Brien for 1884 and arrears to be charged against the property be not granted, but that time for payment be extended to the 10th of August.

(8.)—Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of J. C. Dodd & Sons, T. S. Hobbs, and the clause in No. 2 Committee's report *re* A. Mountjoy's petition.

(9.)—Your committee beg to report progress in the matter of the sale of the exhibition grounds and Queen's Park, etc.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 passed.

On clause 5,

Ald. Skinner moved that ten dollars be remitted to George Quinton. Ald. Stringer seconded.

The amendment was lost, and the clause passed.

Clause 6 passed.

On clause 7,

Ald. Cowan moved that the matter be referred back to No. 1 committee, with instructions to have the taxes for 1883 charged against the property. No seconder and the clause passed.

Clauses 8 and 9 passed, and the report adopted.

Ald. Scarrow's notice of motion was allowed to stand over.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

It was moved by Ald. Cowan that at the next meeting of the Council a return be made showing the expenditure incurred by enforcing by-law No. 179 against the alleged violators known as the Salvation Army, the number of convictions, sexes, ages and number of days imprisoned, the costs of prosecution, gaol expenses for maintenance and all other costs connected. Ald. Skinner seconded.

The motion was carried.

THE COW BY-LAW.

Ald. Hunt moved that the police commissioners be requested to keep the cow constables employed permanently for the balance of the season. Ald. Skinner seconded.

After some discussion the motion was carried.

Ald. Hunt called attention to the fact that the asphalt sidewalk laid down on York street was lower than the gutter, also to a hole on Talbot street which should be filled up.

Ald. O'Meara also spoke of the condition of Mill street.

Ald. Hunt moved that the Engineer be instructed to have these matters attended to, but there was no seconder.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Ald. Cowan said they had learned with regret of the sudden demise of Mr. Paul Phipps. He had been a member of the City Council for some years, having been elected in No. 6 ward the first year that London was a city, and had represented the ward for ten years in this Council, and although of late he had not been in the Council he had been a contractor.

It was moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that this Council having heard with regret of the sudden demise of Paul Phipps, Esq., at his residence yesterday, and the deceased having been a member of the City Council for ten years in succession, this Council herewith offer this resolution as a mark of respect for his long service, and to his bereaved family for the loss they have sustained, and that the Council attend the funeral in a body to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, and that the City Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to his family.—Carried.

The Council adjourned at 9.10 for two weeks.